

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer system, comprising:
 - a sidewall having an aperture therethrough; and
 - a multiple-connector apparatus disposed to pass at least partially through the aperture, movable to be positioned in a retracted position to conceal at least one of the connectors inside the computer system, and movable to and in an extended position so multiple in which at least one of the connectors are is accessible outside of the computer system for simultaneously connecting plural peripheral devices;and wherein, in the retracted position, only an outer face of the multiple-connector apparatus is exposed through the aperture.
2. (Original) A computer system as defined in claim 1 further comprising:
 - a push-push mechanism facilitating movement of the multiple-connector apparatus.
3. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:
 - a housing having a top side and a sidewall; and
 - a retractable, extendible port connector apparatus having a plurality of port connectors arranged in a plane substantially parallel to the top side and adapted to receive plural mating connectors in a direction substantially parallel to the sidewall when in an extended position, and having only an outer face exposed beyond the sidewall when in a retracted position.
4. (Original) A computer system as defined in claim 3 wherein:
 - the sidewall has an aperture; and
 - the port connector apparatus includes an extension/retraction mechanism that enables the port connector apparatus to be extended and retracted through the aperture.

5. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:

- a housing means having an aperture; and
- a means for changing a total number of port connectors exposed outside of the housing means;
- and wherein:
 - the changing means enables a plurality of the port connectors to move back and forth through the aperture and moves to an extended position outwardly from the housing for simultaneously connecting to plural peripheral devices; and
 - the changing means is mounted inside the housing and not fully detachable from the housing means.

6. (Original) A computer system as defined in claim 5 further comprising:

- a means for holding the port connectors in a retracted position relative to the housing; and
- a means for releasing the port connectors from the retracted position relative to the housing.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:

- a housing; and
- a connector tray connected to the housing and having a plurality of port connectors that simultaneously connect plural peripheral devices when the connector tray is in an extended position;
- and wherein:
 - more port connectors are accessible when the connector tray is extended at least partially outside the housing than when the tray is retracted within the housing; and
 - the connector tray is mounted inside the housing and not removable from the housing.

8. (Previously Presented) A port connector mechanism for use in a computer system comprising:

- a connector tray having first and second portions pivotably connected together;

a plurality of port connectors disposed in the second portion of the connector tray;
and

an extension/retraction mechanism that locks the first and second portions in a retracted position until released therefrom and enables the released first and second portions to extend to an extended position at which the second portion can pivot relative to the first portion.

9. (Original) A port connector mechanism as defined in claim 8 wherein:

the extension/retraction mechanism comprises a push-push mechanism.

10. (Original) A port connector mechanism as defined in claim 8 further comprising:

an actuator button that, upon activation, causes the extension/retraction mechanism to release the connector tray from the retracted position.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for changing a number of accessible port connectors of a computer system comprising:

providing the computer system with a multiple-connector tray with first and second portions in a retracted position relative to a housing of the computer system, the multiple-connector tray having plural ~~at least one~~ connectors in the second portion inaccessible in the retracted position;

extending the multiple-connector tray to an extended position relative to the housing to expose the second portion; and

pivoting the second portion relative to the first portion to render the plural connectors accessible.

12 (Original) A method as defined in claim 11 further comprising:

releasing the multiple-connector tray from the retracted position.

13. (Original) A method as defined in claim 11 further comprising:

retracting the multiple-connector tray back to the retracted position.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer system, comprising:

a retractable multiple-connector apparatus that is mounted inside an aperture of the computer system and not detachable from the computer system wherein the multiple-connector apparatus extends through the aperture to expose multiple connectors for simultaneously connecting plural peripheral devices.

15. (Original) A computer system as defined in claim 14 further comprising:

a housing;

and wherein the retractable multiple-connector apparatus is integrated with the housing.

16. (Original) A computer system as defined in claim 14 wherein:

the retractable multiple-connector apparatus retracts entirely into the computer system.

17. (Original) A computer system as defined in claim 14 further comprising:

a housing;

and wherein the retractable multiple-connector apparatus retracts within the housing to a position at which a remote side of the retractable multiple-connector apparatus is flush with a wall of the housing.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer system as defined in claim 14 further comprising:

a housing;

and wherein the multiple-connector apparatus has a first portion and a second portion, the second portion pivots relative to the housing upon being extended from the housing.

19. (Previously Presented) A computer system as defined in claim 18 wherein:

the second portion of the retractable multiple-connector apparatus pivots to a vertical position relative to the housing.

20. (Original) A computer system as defined in claim 19 wherein:

the retractable multiple-connector apparatus further comprises a plurality of connectors accessible from a side away from the housing of the computer system.